

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Felesia A. Martin - District 7

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Supervisor Martin Applauds County Board's Effort to Save Vital Public Services

MILWAUKEE — Today, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed <u>Resolution 23-719</u>, implementing an additional 0.4% county sales tax. Upon the legislation's passage, County Supervisor Felesia A. Martin released the following statement:

"While this has been indeed an unpopular topic, it was a much-needed discussion. I want to thank the many District 7 constituents who shared their thoughts, concerns, and stance on the proposed sales tax increase. Their input—whether in support or opposition—has been invaluable in my decision to support the 0.4% sales tax increase.

In supporting this measure, we can now build a pathway to reimagining the services that Milwaukee County provides for its citizens daily. It is my hope that we will develop a strong, responsible plan of how to utilize the dollars to shore up our public senior centers, parks, transit, mental health services, and veterans' assistance—just to name a few areas in need of attention.

Thank you to every person who responded to my knock, attended a townhall, emailed, or called to voice their concerns, ask questions, and share their opposition or support to increasing the Milwaukee County sales tax. It is my fervent hope that your engagement at this high level will continue as we move forward towards building a more vibrant, caring, and stronger Milwaukee County."

Resolution 23-719 was approved on a margin of 15-3, with Supervisor Felesia A. Martin voting in favor, joined by Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson and Supervisors Deanna Alexander, Peter Burgelis, Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Caroline Gómez-Tom, Willie Johnson, Jr., Patti Logsdon, Juan Miguel Martinez, Shawn Rolland, Steven Shea, Anthony Staskunas, Liz Sumner, Kathleen Vincent, and Sheldon A. Wasserman.

Today's action is <u>projected</u> to generate over \$82.1 million in annual revenue. The tax will sunset when Milwaukee County has paid off its unfunded pension liabilities, exemplifying the County's commitment to fiscal sustainability.